

Writers Forum

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LOOKING TO EASTER

Happy Easter season and best wishes for a victorious resurrection from the graves of discouragements, disappointments and other inconsistencies of life that threaten to plunge mankind into oblivion.

The word "Easter" is derived from a word which means "dawning". Most of us think of Easter only as a reassurance concerning life after death but there are other aspects; with the resurrection of Jesus Christ a new day dawned for all mankind.

Easter time is a time when we spend a little more time with our children; especially, in the area of buying pretty things to make them happy at this season.

Over and over again, Jesus showed his love for children. The Master was always surrounded by children. Happy, laughing, bright-eyed, innocent children.

Children are usually scapegoats for our hostilities. But Jesus spoke his kindest words to children; "suffer little children and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Martha Perkins is a young adult Sunday School teacher. Miss Perkins is one of the few dedicated teachers who knows the importance of showing children the need for living with God. The pretty, young teacher often uses small objects to demonstrate vital points in the lesson. This par-

ticular Sunday was no exception. After passing out reasonable facsimiles of 3 leaf clovers, she announced, "the 3 leaf clovers you hold in your hands are used to point out three Faiths; Faith in yourself; Faith in the rest of God's children; Faith in God.

Children need Faith. Faith that they can do anything they want to do - if it is done with God's blessing and approval. Children need Faith that God has a place for them in this world. Children are given faith by their parents assuring them that they are wanted by them, by the world and by God.

As our thoughts are turned to Easter and the Risen Christ, we should think seriously of a resurrection for our children. Resurrection can be summed up in one brief word - triumph. A complete victory of the righteous over the many temptations forced upon them by a sin sick society; of love over hate, of justice over injustices. Sincere hope for the dawning of a new day for our children. (the resurrection of our Lord took place as the shadows of night were fleeing and the first glimmer of day began to appear.) Yes, children often seem mean and selfish. Often they say and do things which are unjust. An old proverb says; "an apple never falls far from the tree." Children reflect in their words and actions most of the things that

Heating Pads Could Make Things Too Hot For Elderly Persons

Consumer reports have issued precautions against the use of heating pads except under specific doctor's orders, for elderly persons, people with poor circulation to the arms or legs, diabetics, and people who are taking cortisone or similar medicines. The reason for this warning is that such people tend to have skin that is especially vulnerable to heat.

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There are more than 44 brand/Models of heating pads that have been rated by CU's publication noting their heating performance and variety of settings and controls.

However, good words are in order for that old reliable hot-water bottle for the reason that it can be felt immediately and it will grow colder. An electric heating pad, on the other hand, can feel quite comfortable at first contact; you can then become accustomed to a degree of heat, that over a period of time, could give a severe burn.

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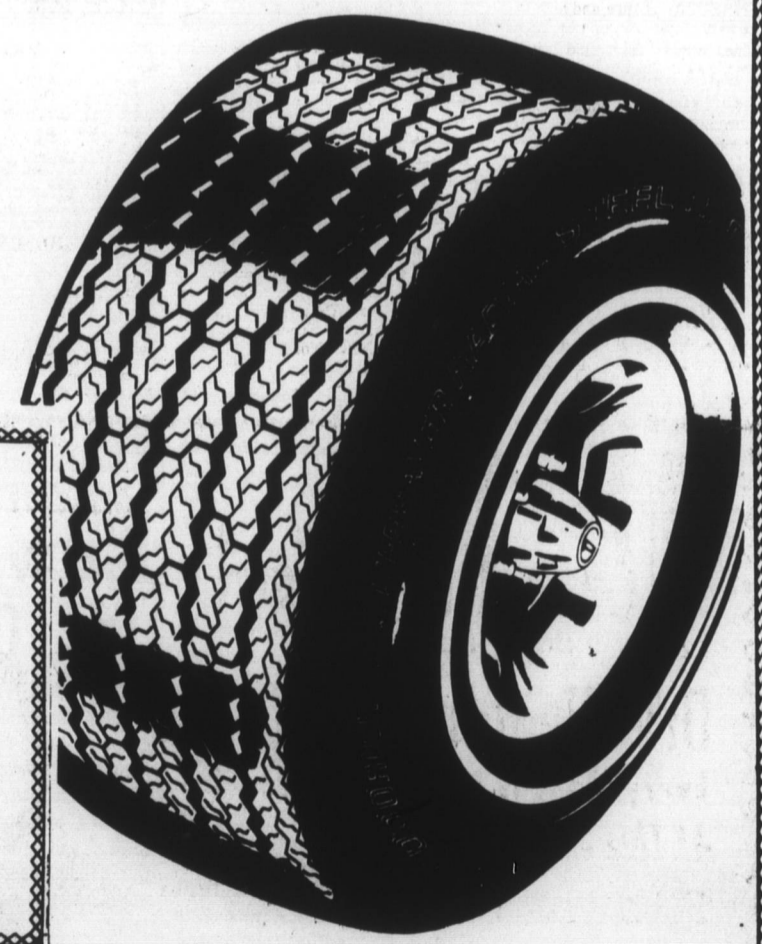
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